

*Saturday, July 25, 2009 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Washington's*

*Headquarters State Historic Site 84 Liberty Street Newburgh, New York*

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*3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Washington-Rochambeau*

*Monument Corner of Broadway and Livingston Dobbs Ferry, New York*

*Newburgh, NY* - U.S. Representatives Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Nita Lowey (D-NY) will lead a tour of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area for the French Ambassador to the United States Pierre Vimont on Saturday, July 25, 2009. The tour will include two public events to celebrate the recently enacted Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act, which Hinchey authored and Lowey cosponsored. Hinchey, Lowey, and Vimont will visit Newburgh at 11:00am and Dobbs Ferry at 3:30pm. Members of the press and the general public are invited and welcomed to attend the events.

Hinchey, Lowey, and Vimont will highlight the benefits associated with the passage and subsequent enactment of Hinchey's bill earlier this year that formally designated the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route ("W3R") National Historic Trail. The W3R Trail traces and commemorates the more than 600-mile route from Newport, Rhode Island to Yorktown, Virginia taken in 1781 by the armies of General George Washington and General Jean-Baptiste de Rochambeau of France and traversed on during their subsequent return in 1782. The siege and surrender of the British army at Yorktown marked the end of major battles in the U.S. during the Revolutionary War and was made possible by the extraordinary combined efforts of the French and American troops.

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail, which includes portions of the Hudson River Valley, recognizes the important military contributions by France to

the American victory in the War of Independence and also helps to highlight the critical role played by the Hudson River Valley during the American Revolution.